

Docket No.: 1509.1016

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takayuki YAMADA

Group Art Unit: 2839

Serial No. 10/075,764

Examiner: Prasd, Chandrika

Filed: February 15, 2002

Batch No:

For: SOCKET FOR ELECTRICAL PARTS HAVING SEPARABLE PLUNGER (As Amended)

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance was forwarded in the Notice of Allowability mailed February 10, 2004.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of identified claims. However, it is submitted that not all of the features listed by the Examiner are recited in all of the identified claims.

By way of example, the Examiner's Reasons indicate that claim 17 recites an upper plate immovably assembled on the lower plate. However, independent claim 17 does not recite that the upper plate is "assembled" on the lower plate. The discrepancies between the Examiner's Reasons and the recited claims are not limited to those specifically listed herein.

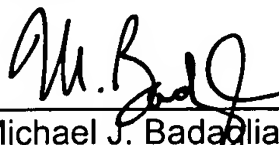
It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER SUBMITTING
CORRECTED AND/OR FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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ATTENTION: OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

In accordance with the requirement in the Notice of Allowability, mailed February 10, 2004, wherein the Examiner approved the proposed drawing corrections filed on March 14, 2003 and required that corrected and/or formal drawings be filed, Applicant herewith submit three (3) sheets of corrected and/or formal drawings (FIGS. 1, 3 and 5) for filing in the subject application.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected and/or formal drawings filed herewith be entered in the above-referenced application.

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